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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

HIRSCH ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/550,357

FILED:

FOR: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITION COMPRISING AN
IMMUNOSUPPRESSANT FOR USE IN THE TREATMENT OF SKIN
DISEASES

MS: PCT

Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

Sir:

The Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed October 23, 2006 (a copy of which is enclosed) has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 23, 2006.

A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a). Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$450 for payment of the extension fee.

In response, applicants now submit an original or copy of a fully executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Please charge the \$130 surcharge fee under 37 CFR §1.16(e) to Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Also enclosed is a copy of a Declaration from Stefanie Weiss, the executor of the estate of deceased inventor Carl-Martin Weiss.


The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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A duplicate copy of this letter is provided for charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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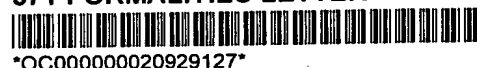
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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Copy of the International Application filed on 09/23/2005
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 09/23/2005
- Copy of IPE Report filed on 09/23/2005
- Copy of Annexes to the IPER filed on 09/23/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 09/23/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 09/23/2005
- Oath or Declaration filed on 09/23/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 09/23/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 09/23/2005



The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
 - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity:

- **\$130** Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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